



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6542

LCO No. 3438



Referred to Committee on ENVIRONMENT

Introduced by:
(ENV)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESERVATION OF FARMLAND AT THE
SOUTHBURY TRAINING SCHOOL.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Developmental
3 Services shall transfer the care, custody and control of the land and
4 buildings that comprise the property that is known as the "Farm at the
5 Southbury Training School" and that is further described in a map
6 entitled "Compilation Plan of Property Prepared For State of
7 Connecticut Department of Agriculture 'Southbury Training School'
8 Southbury & Roxbury, Connecticut", scale 1" = 200', dated February 15,
9 2012, revised January 28, 2013, prepared by Brian D. Florek, L.S., to the
10 Commissioner of Agriculture. The Commissioner of Agriculture shall
11 acquire a property survey of the Farm at the Southbury Training
12 School conforming to a Class A-2 horizontal survey.

13 (b) The Commissioner of Agriculture shall grant to a nonprofit
14 organization, as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
15 Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding Internal Revenue Code

16 of the United States, as amended from time to time, a permanent
17 conservation easement on the Farm at the Southbury Training School
18 based upon such Class A-2 survey. The mission of any such nonprofit
19 organization shall include, but need not be limited to, the protection of
20 agricultural lands for agricultural use. Such permanent conservation
21 easement shall provide for the conservation of said farm for
22 agricultural use and shall allow for the lease, permit or license by the
23 Commissioner of Agriculture of any portion of said farm to one or
24 more persons or entities for the purpose of engaging in agriculture, as
25 defined in section 1-1 of the general statutes. Such permanent
26 conservation easement shall be subject to the review and approval of
27 the State Properties Review Board. The State Properties Review Board
28 shall complete a review of such permanent conservation easement not
29 later than thirty days after receipt of a proposed permanent
30 conservation easement from the Commissioner of Agriculture.

31 (c) The Commissioner of Agriculture may lease, permit or license all
32 or part of said farm to one or more persons for the purpose of
33 engaging in agriculture, as defined in section 1-1 of the general
34 statutes. Any such lease, permit or license shall be for a period not to
35 exceed fifteen years and shall contain, as a condition thereof,
36 compliance with the provisions of the permanent conservation
37 easement granted pursuant to subsection (b) of this section. Any such
38 lease, permit or license may be renewed for a period not to exceed
39 fifteen years. Any property leased, permitted or licensed pursuant to
40 this subsection shall be exempt from taxation by the municipality in
41 which said property is located. The assessed valuation of said property
42 shall be included in the assessed valuation of state-owned land and
43 buildings for purposes of determining the state's grant in lieu of taxes
44 pursuant to the provisions of section 12-19a of the general statutes.
45 Any such lease, permit or license shall be subject to the review and
46 approval of the State Properties Review Board. The State Properties
47 Review Board shall complete a review of each lease, permit or license
48 not later than thirty days after receipt of a proposed lease, permit or

49 license from the Commissioner of Agriculture.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To preserve certain farmland located on the property of the Southbury Training School for the purpose of engaging in agriculture.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]